



BLAZE ORANGE

THE OUTDOOR GUIDE TO FORT DRUM

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Fort Drum is an active military installation. Recreational use is secondary to the military mission.

All recreationists are responsible for knowing the laws, regulations and procedures for recreational activities on Fort Drum.

Education Classes Are Mandatory For First-Time Hunters and Trappers

All first-time hunters and trappers must pass a safety/education course before obtaining a license in New York State. Courses are free-of-charge and administered by the NYSDEC. To find a course in your county, call the regional Sportsman Education office at (315) 785-2544 or check the NYSDEC website at: <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/sportsed/index.html>

2006-2007 FORT DRUM

RECREATION PERMITS AVAILABLE BY MAIL!

Fort Drum is open to everyone for hunting, fishing, trapping, and other recreational opportunities. For the 2006-2007 season, Fort Drum Recreation permits can be obtained **by mail**. See page 4 for more details, and pages 5 and 6 for the permit application and hold harmless agreement.

GROUSE & WOODCOCK MANAGEMENT ON FORT DRUM

Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Program is often asked: "Where are your food plots?" Food plots are typically a planted field of corn, oats, or other agricultural crop grown to provide food and cover for wildlife. Fortunately, on Fort Drum, the manipulation of native habitats can provide abundant natural food and cover without the costs associated with planted food plots.

Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Program has partnered with Fort Drum's Forest Management Program and the Ruffed Grouse Society to begin a cooperative, long-term effort to enhance biodiversity and manage early successional forests for the benefit of wildlife where and whenever suitable.

Early successional forests are often characterized by dense, young, seedling and sapling-sized trees. These trees are typically composed of shade intolerant species such as aspen and gray birch. These trees need a large amount of sunlight to grow and thrive. As these forests mature, the early successional species begin to reach biological maturity and start to die out of the forests. Concurrently, shade tolerant species, such as sugar maple, American beech, and yellow birch, that have been growing in the shaded understory begin to dominate the stand.

Historically, natural disturbances from fires, wind, beavers, drought, insect outbreaks, and ice storms created a mosaic of forest structure and ages within the landscape. Early successional forests and wildlife thrived. Periodic reversion of lands into young forests by Native Americans and early settlers also played an important role. More recently, however, fire suppression and other human interventions, as well as a decline in farming, has removed important disturbance regimes and allowed mature forests to dominate the landscape. (CONTINUED on Page 7)



Clearcut block in Training Area 14E as seen from Rte 3.

QUESTIONS? CALL THE FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AT 772-9636 OR 772-4999.

DEER MANAGEMENT PERMITS AVAILABLE IN WMU 6H

Beginning August 14, hunters may apply for Deer Management Permits (DMPs) via the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation automated licensing system (DECALS). DMPs will be issued by random computer selection at the License Issuing Agent and if selected applicants will receive DMP(s) immediately.

Hunters possessing a Deer Management Permit may take one antlerless deer per permit, in addition to deer that may be taken with other licenses and tags. Legally antlered deer (at least one antler 3" or longer) may not be taken on a DMP.

DMPs may only be used in the Wildlife Management Unit designated on the permit. DMPs may be transferred to another hunter to possess and use. Hunters can receive two transferred DMPs in addition to any DMPs they were originally issued.

Those wishing to hunt on Fort Drum should specify **Wildlife Management Unit 6H**. Deer Management Permits are valid beginning October 21 in the Northern Zone, which includes Fort Drum.

There are 700 DMPs available for WMU 6H (Fort Drum). DMPs are free to holders of Junior Archery, Resident Sportsman, Super Sportsman, Conservation Legacy and Nonresident Super Sportsman license holders.

There is a \$10 fee for Resident Small & Big Game and Non-resident Big Game license holders. For more information, please call the NYSDEC information hotline at 866-472-4332 or visit the NYSDEC website at www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/license/dmpermit.html

ANTLERLESS DEER TAGS AVAILABLE IN CANTONMENT AREA

To assist deer management in the cantonment area, 45 antlerless deer tags will be available as part of the NYSDEC Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). This is 5 more permits than previous years.

Bowhunters are allowed to fill a maximum of two DMAP tags. DMAP tags are available from October 1 – December 3.

DMAP tags will be issued on a "First come, first served" basis for one day use. Tags are available at Range Division (Bldg. P-4855). If the tag is not filled, it must be returned to Range Division at the end of the day.

Archers harvesting deer within the Cantonment Area are required to bring their harvest to Bldg. T-4848 for weighing and aging. The check station will be open from 7am - 4:30pm, Monday thru Friday. Deer harvested on weekends and federal holidays must be brought in the next business day during normal hours of operation. If the meat is in danger of spoiling it may be processed, but the head must be brought in for aging within 3 business days. If other arrangements are necessary, archers must call the Fish and Wildlife Management Program at 772-4999.

Deer harvested through the DMAP program may be given to the NYSDEC's venison donation program. Hunters may drop off donated deer at the Fish and Wildlife Management Program Office. It will then be taken to the NYSDEC facility in Brownsville for processing and distribution.

See FD Reg 420-3 for additional information regarding DMAPs.

The current plan is to no longer require physical check-in to hunt in the cantonment area. However, work on the computer system to allow check-in by telephone had not been completed at the time of printing the *Blaze Orange*. Check the *Blizzard* newspaper and Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management web site for more up-to-date information. Hunters would still have to go to Range Division to pick up DMAPs.

Due to construction, there is now less than one-third of the cantonment area open to hunting. Hunting in the cantonment area is limited to active and retired military personnel, military family members, and employees with DoD ID or LSI ID cards.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANTONMENT AREA BOWHUNTERS



New this year, **ONLY** bowhunters planning to hunt in the cantonment area are required to attend and pass an archery qualification session. **If you plan to bowhunt in the training area, you do NOT need to qualify.**

To qualify and receive an Archery Qualification Card, a bowhunter must shoot 3 of 5 arrows equipped with **broadheads** in the vital area of life-size 3-D deer targets. Bowhunters are required to qualify every year. Archery Qualification cards expire Sept 1.

All archery qualification sessions will be held near the Natural Resources Permit Office, Bldg. S-2509, located on Rte. 26 between Great Bend and Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield. Qualifications take place rain or shine.

A New York State Archery Stamp or Fort Drum Recreation Permit are not required to attend a qualification session.

The Archery Qualification Card (or DMAP) must be in the bowhunter's possession while hunting on Fort Drum. See FD Reg 420-3 for more details.

QUALIFICATION SESSIONS

DATE	TIME
Tues., Sept. 12	3–6 pm
Thurs., Sept. 14	3–6 pm
Sat., Sept. 16	8–10 am
Tues., Sept. 19	3–6 pm
Thurs., Sept. 21	3–6 pm
Tues., Sept. 26	3–6 pm
Thurs., Sept. 28	3–6 pm
Sat., Sept. 30	8–10 am

FORT DRUM BEAR PROJECT UPDATE

In the fall of 2004, Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Program began a black bear project in cooperation with Cornell University, the NYSDEC, and Fort Drum's DPTMS-Range Division. The study was initiated in response to complaints of nuisance black bears interfering with military activities at bivouac sites and range facilities.

There are three components to the project. First, bears are captured using culvert traps or foot snares, tranquilized, and marked with colored ear streamers. Radio collars are attached to some of the bears and tracked to determine movements and den site use. Second, hair snares (barbed wire surrounding a bait station) are used to collect hair samples from bears; the DNA on the hair follicles will be analyzed to identify individual bears and create a population estimate. Third, taste aversion techniques are being tested to determine possible non-lethal management options for nuisance black bears on Fort Drum. A graduate student from Cornell University is conducting the research and the project will continue through the winter of 2006-07.

To date, a total of 19 bears have been captured, radio-collared, and released unharmed. Currently 8 bears are being radio-tracked. Five den sites have been found the past two winters.

The hair snares have worked very well and more than 100 hair samples were analyzed in 2005 which identified 29 individual bears. In 2006, over 400 hair samples have been collected for analysis.

In 2005, there was an abundance of natural foods on Fort Drum and across New York State. Although this was great for wildlife, there were few nuisance complaints making it difficult to test aversive conditioning techniques. So far in 2006, it has been another good year for natural foods. However, we have adjusted the type of bait used to attract and test bears. To date, four bears have been treated and the results have been inconclusive.



Bear #043 taking a bait of peanut butter and birdseed at one of the taste aversion stations. This bait had not been treated yet.

We ask that bear hunters do not kill any radio-collared bears so they can be tracked to their den sites. If a bear is harvested with a radio collar, please contact the Fort Drum Fish & Wildlife Management Program at 315-772-9636 or 772-4999.

HISTORIC DEER HARVEST ON FORT DRUM

Numbers based on information from the NYSDEC.

YEAR	Total Deer	Male Adults	Male Fawns	Female Adults	Female Fawns
1995	332	264	10	51	7
1996	312	256	7	42	7
1997	337	258	11	60	8
1998	353	259	17	66	11
1999	386	267	21	82	16
2000	446	288	28	110	20
2001	338	208	24	88	18
2002	509	248	58	165	38
2003	404	167	43	154	40
2004	520	202	57	210	51
2005	339	173	27	114	25



2006 FIREARM & ARCHERY SIGHT-IN

Fort Drum's Range Division will provide an opportunity for hunters to sight-in their weapons on **Range 24** at the following times:

Sept. 9–10	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sept. 16 – 17	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sept. 24 – 25	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This range is open to everyone. All participants are required to have a valid Fort Drum Recreation Permit and follow sign-in procedures by calling the Sportsman's Hotline at (315) 772-7153.

Rifles, muzzleloaders and handguns are allowed, a temporary skeet range is available for shotguns and an archery station will also be available. Anyone bringing a handgun is also required to bring any applicable NYS permits. Participants must bring their own equipment and targets (including clay pigeons).

The availability of ranges are subject to change based on military mission requirements.

For more information, please call Range Division at 772-1924 during normal duty hours Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

2006-2007 RECREATION PERMIT & ACCESS PASS INFORMATION

NEW for 2006-2007, Fort Drum Recreation Permits and Access Passes are available through the mail.

To receive a 2006-2007 permit to access Fort Drum, send in a completed application, signed hold harmless agreement, a photocopy of a government-issued photo ID (driver's license, military ID, etc.), a photocopy of your 2006-2007 NYSDEC fishing, hunting, and/or trapping license, and the appropriate fee in the form of a U.S. Postal Service Money Order.

For the fishing, hunting, and/or trapping license, you only need to provide a photocopy of the license showing the "License/Privilege" information (i.e. tags do not have to be photocopied.)

If you are eligible for a free permit, you must submit a photocopy of the VA award letter showing a minimum 40% rating decision or a photocopy of the Native American i.d. card.

During the latter half of September, the Recreation Permit, Access Pass, *Fort Drum Regulation 420-3 Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Camping* and Recreational Use Maps will be sent to the address provided on the application.

Although one application and hold harmless agreement must be completed for each applicant, multiple applications may be mailed in the same envelope and a single money order may be used.

Besides this *Blaze Orange* newsletter, application instructions and forms are available to download from Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management web site; or, they can be picked up at the Natural Resources Permit Office (S-2509) or Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Office (T-4848).

Permits will still be available at the Natural Resources Permit Office, but hours will be less than in past years due to reduced staffing levels. A map of the permit office and operating hours are listed on page 10.

To obtain a Fort Drum Recreation Permit in person, applicants must present a photo ID and current New York State hunting, fishing or trapping license. Transactions are cash or U.S. Postal Service money orders only.

Permit fees are based on age: youth 15 years and less and adults 70 years and older receive a free permit for all activities; youth ages 16 and 17 pay a reduced fee for all activities; persons 18 – 69 years of age pay full price.

Before entering the training areas, all recreationists must first check in daily with Range Division by calling the Sportsman's Hotline at (315) 772-7153. The Sportsman's Hotline is updated at approximately 6:00 p.m., listing training areas that are open the following day. Upon leaving their permit number, recreationists may access any training area that is open for recreation that day.

Current Recreation Permits and Access Passes will expire on September 30, 2006.

FORT DRUM RECREATION PERMIT INSTRUCTIONS

To receive a 2006-2007 Fort Drum Recreational Permit and Access Pass, please include the following:

- ___ 1. Completed application.
- ___ 2. Signed hold harmless agreement.
- ___ 3. Photocopy of a government-issued photo ID (driver's license, military ID, etc.) Persons younger than 15 are not expected to have a copy of a photo ID).
- ___ 4. Photocopy of your 2006-2007 NYS Department of Environmental Conservation fishing, hunting, and/or trapping license if you plan to engage in those activities on Fort Drum. Only the portion of the license showing the "License/Privilege" is required (i.e. tags do not have to be photocopied).
- ___ 5a. **Appropriate fee in the form of a U.S. Postal Service Money Order ONLY. (Make payable to "U.S. Treasury".)**
- ___ 5b. If a free permit is desired, a photocopy of the VA award letter with a minimum 40% rating decision or a photocopy of the Native American identification card.

Send the completed application materials to the following address:
ATTN: Recreation Permits
Fish & Wildlife Management Program
85 First St W, IMNE-DRM-PWE
Fort Drum NY 13602

You will be contacted if any part of the application packet is incomplete or incorrect. However, significant delays may occur processing your request.

ACTIVITIES ALLOWED ON FORT DRUM:

- Fishing
- Hunting & Scouting
- Trapping
- Camping
- Wildlife Viewing
- Berry/Mushroom/Leek/Rhubarb Harvesting
- Picnicking
- Hiking
- Geocaching
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Photography
- Biking
- Horseback Riding
- Dog Training
- Target shooting [see 4(a) in Regulation 420-3]
- Snowmobiling (only in Training Areas 7E, 7F, 7G)
- Boating (including kayaking and canoeing)

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Permit #: _____

DEC #: _____

(Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Other Activities)

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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

1. In consideration for the issuance of this permit, the undersigned does hereby release, remise, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless the government of the United States of America, the United States Army and officers, agents and employees (both civilian and military) of the United States Army and the government of the United States, of and from any and all manner of action, causes of action, suits, charges, claims, demands, and liabilities, or whatever kind of nature to include death, personal injury, and/or property damage due to accident or negligence, which arises or may arise on the Fort Drum Military Installation pursuant to this permit, and further covenants not to sue or file any claim for such death, personal injury, and/or property damage. The undersigned further acknowledges that this release is given voluntarily and without any representations of any kind, other than those explicitly set forth within this application, by the United States Army, its agents and employees, both civilian and military.
2. The undersigned acknowledges that he/she obligates him/herself, by virtue of this agreement and the privileges granted to him/her by issuance of this permit, to observe and obey all Fort Drum rules and regulations while he/she is present on the installation. The undersigned further acknowledges and comments that he/she will not disturb living trees, shrubs, and other vegetation. The undersigned further acknowledges that he/she will be held pecuniarily responsible for any damage caused by his/her willful or negligent acts or those of his/her agents or persons under his/her supervision.
3. Certain hazards exist in the training areas. These hazards include, but are not limited to: concertina and barbed wire, communication wire strung between trees and shrubbery, pits, foxholes, man-made depressions, barricades on roads and trails, and unexploded ammunition.
4. Personnel are warned not to pick up, handle, or in any way disturb pyrotechnic devices or ammunition that have been fired or failed to detonate. All unexploded ordnance will be reported to Range Division for disposition. The removal from the range of any component parts or projectiles or any other unidentifiable objects associated with explosives is strictly prohibited.
5. The undersigned acknowledges that issuance of the Fort Drum Recreational Permit is not authority to enter any area, and that prior to entry; an Access Pass must be obtained and displayed on a vehicle.
6. The undersigned acknowledges that the Commander, Fort Drum, reserves the right to withdraw this permit at any time. The undersigned acknowledges that this permit may be withdrawn because of violations of the terms above, or may be withdrawn at any time by the Commander, Fort Drum, or his designated representative.

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
(or Parent or Guardian Signature for youth 17 years or younger)

REMEMBER TO FILL OUT THE APPLICATION COMPLETELY

GROUSE & WOODCOCK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

As early successional habitat has decreased, so has the wildlife that typically depends on it.

In order to create and maintain habitat diversity, natural disturbance events must be mimicked. Forest management practices such as clearcutting, seed tree cuts or shelterwood cuts are techniques that simulate natural disturbance events. A well planned management action using one of these techniques is very cost effective and beneficial to the landscape.

One species that specifically benefits from this management is the ruffed grouse. This bird is dependent on disturbance, and its affiliation to early successional forests is readily apparent. Young seedling stage forests, alder stands, and forest openings provide important areas for young grouse chicks to forage for insects and seeds. Male grouse tend to use seedling-sapling stands for cover while attracting mates with their drumming, and older mixed stands provide a suitable fall-winter-spring food supply and nesting cover. If this mixture of forest stands and ages is not available, this bird will decline.



Ruffed Grouse (Photo ACGRP)



American Woodcock (Photo USFWS)

Besides ruffed grouse, many other species depend on young forests. One third of native mammals, such as, snowshoe hare, white-tailed deer, red fox, and bobcat, show preferences for early successional habitats. Other bird

species such as American woodcock and chestnut-sided and golden-winged warblers are also dependent on early successional forests.

The Ruffed Grouse Society has over 40 years of experience improving woodland habitat to benefit early successional species. To take full advantage of this expertise, Fort Drum biologists entered into a formal Memorandum of Agreement with the Ruffed Grouse Society to promote, create, and sustain early successional habitat on Fort Drum.

Ruffed Grouse Society New England regional biologist Paul Karczmarczyk said, "RGS is excited to partner with Fort

Drum, and in fact this partnership is one of only a few that exist between the Department of Defense and RGS and the first formal agreement that we know about." Karczmarczyk continued, "This is a great opportunity to work cooperatively to accomplish habitat management goals."

In the fall of 2005, the first management action took place in Training Area 14E, along the southeastern side of the installation along State Rte. 3. The management area is approximately 120 acres in size and one-third of the area was clearcut in blocks of 5 acres each. In 15-20 years, another 40 acres will be cut and in 30-40 years, the remaining 40 acres will be cut. Other areas in Training Areas 3 and 7 are being considered in the near future. In the next few months, a parking area and an educational kiosk will be constructed along Rte. 3 to explain the forest management actions that took place, and the importance of early successional management.



Aerial photo of the first management action in Training Area 14E. Areas marked with "1" have been cut in 2005 and 2006. Areas marked with "2" will be cut in 15-20 years. Areas marked with "3" will be cut in 30-40 years.

Fort Drum's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security has been very supportive of this effort, showing that training, natural resources, and recreation can coexist on a military installation.

PHEASANTS ON FORT DRUM

There will be no pheasants released on Fort Drum for the 2006 hunting season. Bob Kramer, a local resident and military retiree, has raised and released over 2400 pheasants on Fort Drum the past several years. Mr. Kramer is taking a much deserved rest from raising birds this year.



Fort Drum's Fish and Wildlife Management Program would like to thank Bob for donating his time, effort, and money to providing additional hunting opportunities these past years.



For the most up-to-date fishing and hunting info, permit info, sunrise & sunset times, brochures, and answers to your most frequently asked questions, visit the Fort Drum Fish & Wildlife Management Program Website: www.drum.army.mil/garrison/pw/FishAndWild.html

WANTED: TRAPPERS

Fort Drum is accepting applications for volunteer nuisance trappers. Candidates must have a valid NYS trapping license and supply their own trapping equipment, including a vehicle. For more information, call Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Program at 772-4999.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

All recreationists are responsible for knowing the laws, regulations and procedures for recreational activities on Fort Drum as set forth in *Regulation 420-3 Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Camping*.

ALL RECREATIONISTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR BLAZE ORANGE DURING ANY HUNTING SEASON

Recreationists must visibly display a minimum of 144 square inches of blaze orange on the front and back of their upper bodies and wear blaze orange headgear. Exceptions are listed in FD Reg 420-3 Paragraph 6(g).

VEHICLE PARKING IN TRAINING AREAS

All vehicles must be parked in such a manner to allow other vehicles safe passage, including not blocking access to other roads or trails not designated as recreational roads. All vehicles must be parked adjacent to training areas open for recreational use on that given day. See FD Reg 420-3 Paragraph 8(c) for more information.

FIREARMS MUST BE CASED WHILE BEING TRANSPORTED

All firearms (except pistols and revolvers) transported in a vehicle must be unloaded and cased, or unloaded and in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle. See FD 420-3 paragraph 9(c) for more information.

SHOTGUN USE IN TRAINING AREAS 4A, 4B, & 4D

Training Areas 4A, 4B, and 4D are open to small game hunting with a shotgun and to trappers using .22 rimfire weapons outside the regular big game season. No firearms are allowed in these areas for any reason during the big game hunting season: September 16 – December 10. See FD Reg 420-3 paragraph 7(j) for more information.

ONLY PORTABLE TREE STANDS ARE ALLOWED

Portable tree stands must be removed after the hunting season. Stands left overnight must be identified with the name and telephone number of the owner. See FD Reg 420-3 paragraphs 11(d) and 12(i) for more information.

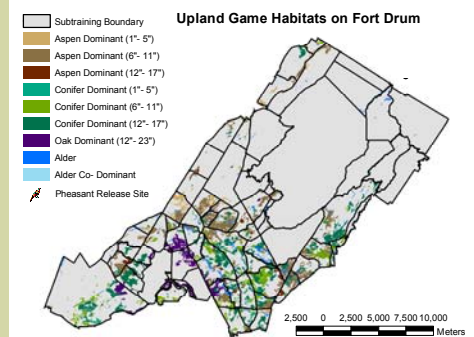
Small Game Hunting Brochure Available



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Small game hunting is one of the most popular outdoor activities on Fort Drum, and in response, Fort Drum's Fish and Wildlife Management Program created this brochure in 2005.

The brochure highlights the popular small game species (including Wild Turkey, Ruffed Grouse, American Woodcock, and Snowshoe Hare), provides hints how to sex and age certain species, and discusses what habitats these animals are likely to be found in. There is also a map that identifies some of the more dominant stands of preferred habitat for many of the species, however, hunters are likely to find wide distributions of animals throughout the installation.



2006 FISHING DERBY



The 10th Annual Fishing Derby was held at Remington Park on May 20th. Despite a cold rainy day, 80 children registered and a total of 254 fish were caught in less than 4 hours. Prizes for the derby were generously provided by AAEFES and were awarded in the categories below.

***** FISHING DERBY WINNERS *****

Overall Largest Fish Caught: Chris Henderson (age 9), 16.1" Largemouth Bass

Overall Most Fish Caught: Giovanni Bowers (age 15), 43 fish

Ages 2—6

1st Prize Clayton Brake
2nd Prize Winter Ehrhart
3rd Prize Kaylee Oyler

Largest Fish

Clayton Brake
 Winter Ehrhart
 Kaylee Oyler

Most Fish

Kamden Ruby
 Damien Oyler
 Hunter Neal

Ages 7—11

1st Prize Courtney Kaufmann
2nd Prize Caitlyn Nichols
3rd Prize Stefan Powell

Largest Fish

Courtney Kaufmann
 Caitlyn Nichols
 Stefan Powell

Most Fish

Ethan Sinn
 Autumn Severing
 Austin Temple

Ages 12—18

1st Prize Cody Pavey
2nd Prize Jarel Connie
3rd Prize Caitlin Sullivan

Largest Fish

Cody Pavey
 Jarel Connie
 Caitlin Sullivan

Most Fish

Anthony Anastasia
 Mariah Stouder
 Andrew Herman

**** FURTHEST CAST CONTEST WINNERS ****

Ages 2—6: Gabriel Fraser 18.9 m

Ages 7—10: Gabriel Medina 25.7 m

Ages 11—14: Adrian Dusharm 21.1 m

Ages 15—18: Joseph Ellender 28.0 m



Chris Henderson (left), age 9, with the Overall Largest Fish Caught during the Fishing Derby—a 16.1 inch largemouth bass. Giovanni Bowers (right), age 15, with one of his 43 fish caught for the Overall Most Fish Caught.

FIREWOOD PROGRAM

The sale of forest products on Fort Drum assists the Forest Management Program to meet various objectives including fuel and hazard reduction, wildlife habitat enhancement, timber stand improvement, and enhancing military training maneuverability.



The selected areas where forest product sales occur are generally accessible from either paved, gravel, or dirt roads, however, the permittee should be aware of accessibility conditions prior to purchasing the permit. Forest products permit sales are designed to meet small volume purchasing needs such as homeowner firewood.

A permit must be purchased at the Natural Resources Permit Office, Bldg. S-2509, prior to the removal of forest products.

The current rate for a full cord of firewood is \$10.00. A full cord is 4' wide by 4' tall by 8' long or two full-sized pickup truck loads (8' bed) or three loads with a short box pickup (6' bed). Transactions are cash only.

The following information is required to purchase a permit: (1) Names of any and all persons engaging in harvesting forest products, as well as those accompanying harvesters; (2) full address and phone number of the permittee; and (3) license plate number, year, make, model and color of the haul vehicle. Only one haul vehicle may be used per permit. Trailers are permitted. The license plate number of the trailer is also required.

The effective date of the permit begins on the day it is issued, and lasts for 7 days. There are no exceptions. If you fail to fill your permit for any reason there will be no refunds.

Trees that are dead and on the ground can be harvested. A map of some designated areas is available at the Permit Office. Forest products are on a 'first come first served' basis. Each permit is good for the one designated subtraining area.

Harvesting forest products is not considered a recreational activity. No person shall possess a firearm, bow or other hunting implement while engaged in harvesting forest products.

Calling the Sportsman's Hotline does not sign you out for access to the training area. You must call or personally check-in and check-out with Range Division daily at (315) 772-7152.

Your forest products permit is your range pass. Your permit must be in plain view on the dashboard of the haul vehicle at all times.

Forest products permits can be issued for the cantonment area to ID holders only. You are still required to check-in and out at Range Control.

If you have questions, contact Fort Drum's Forest Management Program at (315) 772-3170.

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**NATURAL RESOURCES PERMIT OFFICE
HOURS OF OPERATION**

July 13 – November 18, 2006:

Thurs. – Fri. 1–4 pm Sat. 8 am–11 am

November 19, 2006 – March 24, 2007:

Mail in applications or appointment only.

The Permit Office is closed on all federal holidays.



FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
TEL: 315-772-9636 OR 315-772-4999

NATURAL RESOURCES BRANCH
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